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Serial No.: 10/597,343) Group Art Unit: 3753
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For: METHOD FOR WATER) Date: May 12, 2010
HAMMERLESS OPENING OF FLUID	
PASSAGE, AND METHOD FOR	
SUPPLYING CHEMICAL	
SOLUTIONS AND DEVICE FOR	
WATER HAMMERLESS OPENING	
FOR WHICH THE METHOD IS USED	

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, this Information Disclosure Statement in connection with the above-identified application is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d).

The document identified on Form PTO/SB/08A was cited in an Office Action mailed February 12, 2010 in co-pending U.S. Application Serial Number 11/762,987 (Attorney Docket No. SUGI0175), filed June 14, 2007. Its relevance is believed to be clear from said Office Action. Accordingly, no further comment regarding the disclosures of this document is believed to be required. In accordance with Official Gazette Notice dated August 5, 2003, a copy of the U.S. patent application publication is not attached.

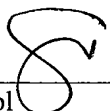
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It is respectfully requested that the attached documents be considered and officially cited, and that the Examiner initial a copy of Form PTO/SB/08A, and return it to the undersigned to indicate that these documents have been considered.

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Respectfully submitted,

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